

## RIVAL CANDIDATES MEET

### Aspirants for Minority Leadership in the House Confer.

The arrival in Washington yesterday of Representatives DeArmond of Missouri and Sulzer of New York marked the beginning of an active contest for the minority leadership in the House. Represent-

A significant phase in this game of politics was the meeting by appointment of Mr. Sulzer and Mr. DeArmond last night at the latter's hotel. What passed between them was of a confidential nature, but the rival candidates went over the situation, probably with a view to forming some combination or to arrive at an understanding as to their respective strength and the method of handling their votes. Neither of the candidates would discuss what passed during the conference after it was over.

Mr. DeArmond said but little to say in regard to his candidacy for the Senate. He has been in Missouri since Congress adjourned and had not yet begun an active canvass. Mr. DeArmond said he had come to Washington earlier than was his usual custom at the request of the President, and would interfere with him on the matter of his appointment.

Mr. Sulzer's friends claim that he has the backing of the entire Democratic delegation from New York and New Jersey, besides assurances of support from members from other States. Mr. Sulzer says he was the only member of the delegation who was

for Congress on the Chicago platform of 1860, although Lincoln himself

Mr. Solter, when seen last night, asked to be excused from discussing his campaign, but said that he was a candidate in every sense of the word, and added that he was in the fight to stay to the finish. He said that he considered his chances were as good as those of any candidate for the minority leadership.

Mr. Solter was asked if there was any truth in the report that his vote on the first ballot would be only a complimentary one, after which his following would go to some other candidate. He denied this.

Mr. Sulzer would not say how many votes he had pledged. He did say, however, that on the first ballot he would receive the support of the majority of the minority leadership members and would retain them until the contest was settled.

When told that Mr. Richardson's friends would vote for him, Mr. Sulzer said he has about sixty-two votes pledged. Mr. Sulzer replied: "He has." Well I would like to know where he is going to get them. I have never seen him since he has been here. I am in the fight from the beginning to the end and my chances are as good as those of any of them."

Representative and certain other members from the South are for Representative Bankhead of Alabama. Friends of Mr. Sulzer feel confident that in case

**TEXAS' SENATORIAL FIGHT.**

Excitement Over the Prospective Bailey-Chilton Debate.

DALLAS, TEXAS, Nov. 24.—Representative Bailey and Senator Chilton are having an arduous fight in their rivalry for a seat in the Tilted States Senate. The contest is being waged here at Dallas last Tuesday night, and Bailey spoke alone and issued a public challenge to Chilton in plain language.

Chilton's managers yesterday insisted that he must have in bold discussion and it was arranged that they should speak at the same meeting in Fort Worth tonight.

The contest has become extremely heated. An immense attendance has been

**TORTURED AND ROBBED.**

**Fleishish Cruelty Practiced Upon an Aged Maryland Couple.**

CUMBERLAND, Md., Nov. 24.—Joseph Early, aged eighty-five years, and his wife, over eighty years old, were tortured and robbed at Glencoe, on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, eighteen miles west of Cumberland, early yesterday morning by a band of masked men.

The old people were cruelly beaten and the soles of their feet were burned with

touches it more they would make known its hiding place of their money in a secure recess in a bureau. The culprits obtained over \$100. Both Earle and his wife are in a precarious condition, their advanced age making recovery doubtful. Three years ago they were robbed, and the thieves, who were never detected, are believed to have

**A Big Bill Still Captured.**  
 MARIETTA, Ga., Nov. 24.—The deputy collector of internal revenue of this district, Mr. Bergstrom, accompanied by E. T. Pettie and Murray Hawkins, returned to this city today from a raid in Cherokee county.

county, where they mined one of the largest fillbit brekeries ever discovered in the State. Two large copper stills and between 6,000 and 7,000 gallons of heavy wine were recovered. Several other fillbit stills were also destroyed. The large still was reported as belonging to some prominent citizen. Six men were found working in it, but after an exchange of shots escaped.

**A Negro Shoots a Justice and Deputy**

REPTON, Ala., Nov. 24.—News of a tragedy coming from Falkberry in Monroe county, where M. M. Pointhead, a justice of the peace, issued a warrant for the arrest

of a negro laborer, who was employed in the construction force of the Boston-Pine apple Railroad. The justice summoned Deputy Sheriff and together they started to arrest the negro. As they approached the squad of workmen the negro drew a pistol and shot the men to death and fled. A search is being made but he has eluded his pursuers so far.

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